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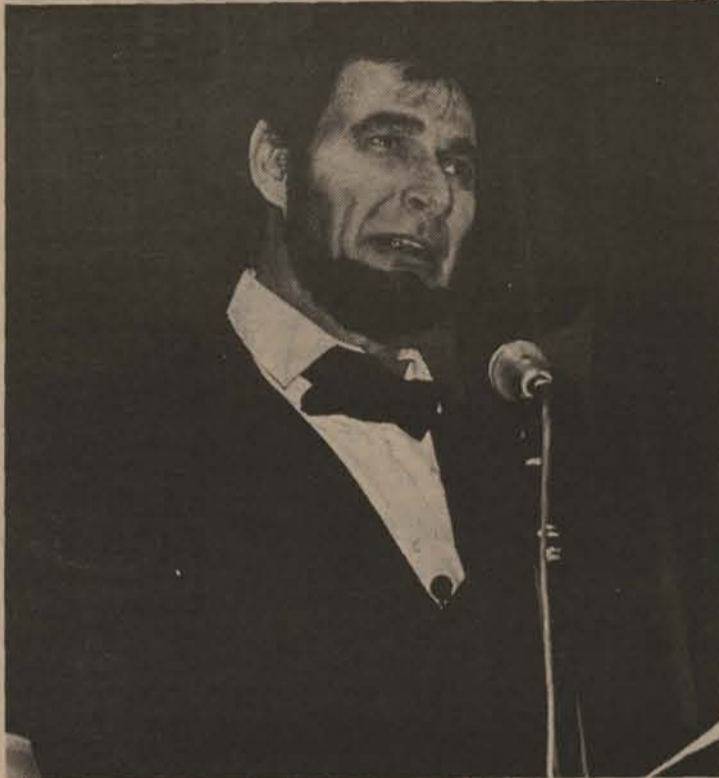
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Blake, convincing Lincoln



Richard Blake (Photo: Donna O'Neal)

by Cathy Baranik

It's November, 1864, at the White House Cabinet Room in Washington, D.C. The occasion — a victory reception for President Lincoln who has just been re-elected for a second term.

"Ladies and gentlemen, will you please stand to greet the President."

President Abraham Lincoln walks into the room, waving and smiling, and shakes hands with the people up front as strains from "Hail to the Chief" echo around the room.

This was the historical scene last Wednesday when "A Day with President Lincoln" was presented in the LSUS University Center Theater.

THE program, featuring professional actor Richard Blake as President Lincoln, was sponsored by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., its local representative Bill Teekell and Associates, Ins. and the LSUS University Center Program Council.

"A Day with President Lincoln" is a public service program created by Creative Workshop Inc. of Florida, which performs for schools, communi-

ty organizations and fund-raising benefits.

Wednesday night a longer version of the program was presented to benefit the Strand Theater in Shreveport.

During the LSUS performance Blake spoke about the election, the Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation, Reconstruction, slavery and freedom. He also related many humorous stories about Stephen Douglas, General Grant and others.

Then, Blake answered questions from the audience just as President Lincoln might have answered. He concluded the one-man performance by reciting the immortal words of "The Gettysburg Address" with the melodious "Battle Hymn of the Republic" playing in the background.

Blake bears a remarkable resemblance to Abraham Lincoln and has spent more than five years studying for the presidential role. Blake said he studies continuously to remember his history, especially the material about the Civil War.

Blake studied acting at Wright Junior College in

Chicago and spent three years at the city's Theater First Workshop. He's been cast in a number of films as well as appearing as President Lincoln on all the television networks. He also served as artist-in-residence at Eastern Illinois University.

During the Bicentennial celebration, Blake and another actor playing Stephen A. Douglas reenacted the Lincoln-Douglas debates in various Illinois communities where they originally occurred.

BLAKE said he started the tour by answering an advertisement for a traveling Lincoln actor. Prior to answering the advertisement, Blake had travelled extensively performing his own version of an Abraham Lincoln act.

Blake said he will stay with the national tour for as long as it continues. The tour is currently in its second year.

When Blake is not traveling with the program, which is only 24 weeks out of the year, he lives in Phoenix, Ariz.

But when he is traveling, Blake said he derives a personal satisfaction from playing the Lincoln role.

"Americanism is something that we always have to be reminded of," Blake said. And Blake believes he reminds audiences of the many blessings we share as a country through his historical performances.

History, Blake said is the best way to remember our heritage. "For it is through history," Blake said, "that we can learn from our past mistakes ... and our past successes."

SGA senators failing to meet

by Cathy Baranik

The SGA Senate has not met in legislative session for the past three scheduled meeting times.

"How can we represent students if we don't even meet?" asked Senator John Hull. Hull also said that it's an elementary procedure and obligation of any organization to meet regularly.

An officer of the SGA said a Senate meeting should not be cancelled "just because the president of the Senate (Vice President of the SGA Jeff Lanius) decides not to attend."

The officer also said there was legislation that needed to be introduced and discussed during the session scheduled for last Friday.

KEITH WHITEHEAD, president of the SGA, said he has been out of town and does not really know why the Senate has not met.

Whitehead did say, however, that he thinks there was not any legislation one week, that Lanius was absent once and that last week the University Center rooms were being used by debaters in the tournament held

here last weekend.

Lanius said the office of Joe Simon, director of student activities, informed him last week that the Webster Room of the University Center, which is the regular meeting room of the Senate, was reserved for the debate tournament. Simon's office confirmed the reservation, yet the Webster Room was empty last Friday at noon, the regular meeting time of the Senate.

The session scheduled three weeks ago, (the week before spring break), was not held because the Senate members present did not form a quorum, Lanius said.

And, Lanius said, the Senate did not meet for legislative session four weeks ago because there was not any legislation to act on.

THE filing dates for candidates running in the 1980-81 SGA election are April 7-8. The campaign week is scheduled for April 14-18 with the elections tentatively scheduled April 21-22, Lanius said.

Also, the Miss LSUS run-off election will be held Monday and Tuesday in the lobby of the University Center.

'LSUS in the '80s': survey conducted

by Deborah Evans

"LSUS in the '80s," a document showing the needs and goals of LSUS, is being prepared by a steering committee headed by Wilfred L. Guerin, chairman of the

department of English. The committee has prepared a two-page survey to elicit responses from the students and faculty of LSUS.

The surveys have been sent to campus clubs and organizations. They are also available in Dr. Guerin's office. All those interested are urged to pick up a copy, fill it out and return it to Dr. Guerin's office, preferably by April 4.

This document will be used like a road map to the administration, according to Guerin. "It is the kind of thing we can always refer to," he said.

OTHER members of the steering committee include: Dr. Gale Bridger, Dr. Joe Goerner, Dr. Mel Harju, A. J. Howell and Dr. John Powell. They plan on having the document completed by the end of the semester.

The document will be comprised of five parts: Chapter 1—History and Mission. 2) Academic Programs 3) Student Development Programs 4) Administrative Programs and 5) Special Activities and Community Service Programs.

The survey includes questions on degree programs, building plans, budgeting procedures and other items. In part two of the survey, different things are rated according to their importance and the emphasis that should be placed on them. These include faculty research, intercollegiate athletics, student counseling services and a variety of other things. Part III asks for impressions of items such as student-faculty rapport, fairness of grading practices and other such topics.

Debate tourney held here

by Ruth Stout

Students from 22 colleges and universities in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana participated in the convention and debate tournament sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta, a forensic fraternity, March 20-22 at LSUS.

In addition to the meetings and the competition for the Province of the Lower Mississippi, a dance was held for the competitors March 21 at the Ramada Inn in Shreveport, and a banquet was set for the following day.

Those from LSUS who participated in the tournament were: Tommy Ray, extemporaneous speaking and oratory; Joey Tabarlet, extemporaneous speaking; Mike Kanosky, junior division debate; Jeff Foss,

junior division debate; and Michael Johnson, oral interpretation and dramatic interpretation.

JOHNSON came through the tournament with a trophy and a certificate for achieving ratings of superior in oral interpretation and excellent in dramatic interpretation.

In the sweepstakes, participating schools came in with Harding College ranked first, Texas A&I in second and Cameron University in third place.

The convention and tournament was originally set to be held in Denton, Texas, but a fire which severely damaged the Denton Ramada Inn forced the tournament to be moved to LSUS.

Students train for camp

by Charles Urban

Special to the Almagest

Four advance ROTC students from LSUS went to Fort Polk last weekend to participate in a joint field training exercise, Operation Polk '80, Capt. Frank Bruscato of the military science department said.

According to Bruscato, the purpose of the exercise was to round out the students' preparation for advanced ROTC camp this summer at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Students participating

from campus were Mike Turner, Neftali Rodriguez, Charles Marsden and Robert Westfall.

During the three-day exercise, the students, about 200 from 15 colleges in Louisiana, attended Land Navigation exercises and classes in tactical operations and military skills. They camped in two-man tents during the exercise.

"The training was excellent," Bruscato said. "It was both challenging and demanding."



Mike Turner begins Land Navigation exercise at camp. (Photo: Capt. Bruscato)

Parking: handicapped problem

LSUS students have been complaining a lot about the parking on campus, especially since the beginning of construction of the Business-Education Building. Yet those who seem to have the biggest problem don't complain—the handicapped students and faculty members.

An ample number of parking spaces, sufficiently close to the buildings, have been provided for LSUS' handicapped students. But during last Wednesday's downpour, several of these spaces were occupied by cars owned by non-handicapped people.

It's not unusual for students and visitors to park in areas other than those designated for them. But it is disgusting that some people won't acknowledge the separate and distinct parking area for handicapped people.

Even more disgusting is the fact that violation of this parking area, or any other, is more rampant during bad weather, the time it is most needed by the handicapped.

The problem is still felt during fair weather. For example, one handicapped student who has a special van with a ramp must have a certain distance between his van and the car next to it in order to lower the ramp and roll his wheelchair down.

Those people who doubt that there are enough handicapped people at LSUS no neccessitate the special parking area are wrong. In addition to students who are obviously handicapped (confined to wheelchairs), there are several students and faculty members who are imperceptibly handicapped.

These people are required to present a doctor's statement at registration to get a handicapped sticker. Their handicaps include things such as back backs and limbs.

Perhaps it should be noted that most of the violations are not by LSUS students; rather, it is mainly visitors on campus who park incorrectly.

However, this is no justification. There are noticeable signs clearly specifying the spaces for handicapped people and the spaces for visitors.



Campus police are also not to be blamed. They do what is within their power by issuing tickets to illegally parked cars. But since the guilty parties are usually visitors, many of the tickets go unpaid because there is little that campus police can do to people other than students and faculty.

This problem is not restricted to LSUS. In many public parking lots, you can find inconsiderate, disobedient drivers who park in places designated for the handicapped.

One solution at LSUS would be to have campus police work in conjunction with downtown police in giving citations to visitors. Since these would be treated like all other citations, visitors would be more likely to pay them rather than to suffer the penalties involved.

If that doesn't work, perhaps a tow-away service will!

Almagest staff

Cartoon resented

Dear Editor:

I resent the presentation of mothers who are also students by your "cartoonist." What does he have against mothers? Better yet, what does he have against everything? He has come down on everything that he has expressed himself about this year. Does he have fun ridiculing the things other people have worked hard to have noticed? All children are not brats. All mothers are not fat slobs just going to school to get out of the house. On the contrary, most mothers who are also students are very serious about their education. Why else would they leave their small children with strangers?

I am a mother and a serious student. I am a senator in the SGA and I want to make this campus a place where people (mothers included)

would be proud to attend classes. I don't want anyone to be subjected to undue ridicule.

The cartoon in last Friday's paper contradicted the article. It gave a negative impression where a positive was needed. How are we mothers to get what we work so hard for when we finally get someone to notice a need. A CARTOONIST decides to have fun and make the whole thing sound ridiculous!

I think you should teach your cartoonist some restraint — or get rid of him. I am not alone in this belief. He isn't the only artist on campus. In fact, a lot of people believe that someone else would do the job more accurately.

Sincerely,
Liz Thompson
Student AND Mother

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Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

Letters to the Editor frequently serve as a form of expository "crying towel" but I would like to do some banner waving. In particular, I would like to sing the praises of some of the administrators, staff, faculty and students at LSUS.

LSUS served as the host institution to the Pi Kappa Delta Convention and Tournament of the Province of the Lower Mississippi. We had faculty and student representatives from 22 visiting colleges and universities representing the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. But the reason special thanks is due several people at LSUS is that the event was originally scheduled to be held in Denton, Texas and, due to a fire in the Ramada Inn of Denton, the convention and tournament had to be moved. The people at LSUS had only two weeks to get the local arrangements set. Acting Chancellor, Dr. Howell, Vice Chancellor Brashier, Vice Chancellor Smith, Dean McBride and Dr. Cloud, chairman of the department of communications, were all extremely helpful in making the facilities at LSUS available and in providing support and understanding for such an undertaking on such short notice. Mrs. Janie Slusher and Donna Saffel, communications department secretaries, performed double duty in getting materials prepared and run off for the tournament. Faculty members, Mrs. Nancy Sexton, Dr. Charlene Handford, Dr. Anne Torrains, Dr. Lillian Hall and Dr. Robert Leitz all willingly gave up some of their time to help judge some of the tourna-

ment events. The largest word of thanks is due Mr. Jim Miller of the social studies department who spent long and thankless hours seated at a table in the tabulation room recording results. Without all his hard work the students participating in the tournament would not have received their awards on time. Among the students deserving special recognition are Marguerite Plummer who helped mimeograph materials, Joey Tabarlet, Mike Kanosky and Jeff Foss who not only participated in the tournament but assisted in the tab room as well. Finally, I want to thank

Joe Simon, director of the University Center, and his secretary, Tricia Spataro, for helping to arrange for the use of UC facilities on very short notice. A word of thanks is due George Kalmbach and the maintenance staff for having the facilities in clean, orderly condition.

As you can see, there are a lot of people on our campus who are willing to go the extra mile. The most beautiful thing about these folks is that they've done it before, and I know when asked, they will do it again.

Frank Lower

To the Editor:

Louisiana will have its first Presidential Preference Primary, Saturday, April 5. The Louisiana Legislature voted last summer for this state to join the many other states that have presidential primaries. It was noted that the states that participate in this process have obtained a greater share of federal dollars simply because the candidates and their staffs spend more time in the state and are aware of the needs that exist.

It is important for all Louisiana voters, Republicans and Democrats, to turn out at the polls in support of their choice for a presidential candidate. Delegate allocations among the candidates will be determined by the percentage received in the primary. Republican delegates have already been selected for each candidate and will

be awarded on a winner take all basis by congressional district. Democratic delegates from each congressional district will be awarded on the basis of the percentage received by the presidential candidate in that district. Actual delegates will be elected from a list of prefilled candidates in district caucuses held on Saturday, April 19. There will be further information on these caucuses at a later date.

Please vote, and urge your family and friends to vote, as this election year will be a crucial one for our country. It is important for us to become a part of the political process and make our voice heard.

Shayne Ladner
4th Congressional District
Affirmative Action Committee
Democratic Party of Louisiana



It's a nice day for serene thought. And while you're thinking about it, come by the Almagest office, Bronson Hall, Room 328, and pick up your two free passes to St. Vincent Six Theatres. (Photo: Ken Martin)

Fraternity sponsors large Career Day

by Deborah Evans

Representatives from Western Electric, various hospitals, interior decorating firms and many other businesses and organizations will be at LSUS next Tuesday from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. participating in the Career Day sponsored by Pi Sigma

Epsilon, the sales and marketing fraternity.

The entire second floor of the University Center will be the site of all the scheduled activities. Representatives will show films, display items and talk with students. Free Cokes will be available to students while they are visiting with representatives.

"The purpose of this career day is to give students a chance to meet with employers in their chosen career fields and ask any questions they may have," Kenneth Jones, president of Pi Sigma Epsilon, said. Also, after the career day is over at 2 p.m. the representatives will be available to interview seniors and other prospective employees. This interview period was designed to help those currently seeking employment.

Pi Sigma Epsilon has been preparing for this career day, with the help of Phyllis Graham, director of the Placement Office, for the past two and a half months. They have sent out more than 70 requests and anticipate anywhere from 20 to 40 businesses to attend. "We are still receiving responses," said Jones.

People in sales and management, realtors, medical administrators and many others will be on hand to discuss salaries, career opportunities, benefits and all other information pertinent to those contemplating a career.

Career days have been held in the past; however, according to Jones, this will be the biggest one yet because the program has gradually expanded over the years.

From the cartoonist

The general impression I got from reading last week's editorial was that a day care center was needed at LSUS. There was no way to represent all of the specific factors involved so I picked what I considered to be the most important — money. With this in mind, I drew a poor, pregnant woman involved with her child, school and family budget. Since she couldn't afford the "Too High" day care center, she was left with no other choice but to take her child to class. She "desperately" needed a day care center at LSUS. I humorously exaggerated a few characteristics in the cartoon which altered its meaning to some people. My humor was not necessary at all. Personally, I have always taken things lightly so I thought the cartoon would be considered informative, even with my humorous portrayal. The shocking letter I received helped me realize some readers' attitudes toward my style of humor. In turn, I hope I have convinced some readers to take my style of humor less seriously.

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First La. primary April 5

by Sandy Malone

One week from tomorrow, Louisiana will hold its first presidential preference primary. It will not be the first state to enact this process and it probably will not be the last. But Louisiana has assuredly entered a new political phase, having joined the ranks of primary states as of this 1980 election year.

Now some persons aren't sure exactly what this means and so, as this group might include a few LSUS students, a simplified explanation provided by Dr. Marvin Stottlemire, assistant professor of political science, follows.

Why A Primary

For years, the selection of Republican and Democratic presidential nominees involved the same procedure nationwide; namely, Republican and Democratic caucuses met and elected delegates to national nominating conventions.

Then some states began to enact state primary elections as a part of party reform, the purpose being to give the people more of a say as to who the two national party nominees would be.

In essence, the people simply vote for the presidential candidate of their choice and, on the basis of these results, delegates are selected to the Democratic and Republican national conventions, rather than being chosen merely by state caucus.

Louisiana's Primary

"The Louisiana primary will be along party lines. You have to vote within the party," Stottlemire said. In other words, if one is registered as a Republican or an Independent, he cannot vote for a Democratic candidate, and vice versa. Thus, Independents cannot participate in the April 5 voting.

Of course, this seems unfair to some. But as Stottlemire explained, the closed party primary (as this is called) is not a state or governmental activity; it's a party activity. The state's only involvement occurred when the legislature decided that Louisiana become a primary state.

In a primary election, the Democrats are selecting the individual who will represent them in the presidential race, and the Republicans are doing the same for their party. Relative to this, Stottlemire approves of holding a closed primary.

He explained, "If you're a Republican, do you want the Democrats to be able to vote for the guy who's going to represent the Republicans? Or if you're a Democrat, do you want a Republican to come over and say 'Look, I want (Jerry) Brown, who has the least chance of winning, to be the Democratic nominee because I know (Ronald) Reagan can beat Brown.'"

Listed along with the candidates on both party ballots will be the choice of an "uncommitted" delegate, in case the voter does not support any of his party's candidates.

Second Phase of Primary

As already mentioned, one of the main purposes of the Louisiana primary voting is to determine who the Republicans of this state would like to see get the Republican nomination for president, and who the Louisiana Democrats would like to see be the Democratic nominee.

But there's a second phase to

the primary process which is just as important, and that is the actual selection of the delegates who will attend the national convention.

Both parties have developed different rules for how they will select delegates based on the primary.

Republican Procedure

Selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention began a few weeks ago. Party members met statewide in individual district caucuses to choose delegates to represent each of the Republican candidates. The 4th District, which includes Caddo and Bossier parishes, met in Bossier City.

From each of the eight representative Louisiana districts, the GOP sends three delegates. These three represent the candidate who received the most votes in that district in the primary.

"It's winner-take-all within the district," said Stottlemire. For instance, if a plurality of the vote in a district is counted as "uncommitted," then the three previously selected uncommitted delegates are sent from that district.

In addition to the 24 district delegates, seven at large delegates are selected to represent the entire state. "They will add up the votes from all the districts and whoever has the plurality there gets the seven at large delegates," Stottlemire said.

The Republican delegates have been chosen. Now the GOP awaits the April 5 primary to determine which delegates attend the convention.

Democratic Procedure

The selection of Democratic delegates is a little more complex. First of all, the Democrats do not caucus to select delegates until after the election. Why do they wait?

Stottlemire explained that, like the GOP, the Democrats caucus by district; however, they do not go by the winner-take-all process. Instead, the Democratic selection of delegates is "proportional by district. That is, no candidate can receive any delegate from a district unless he gets at least 15 percent of the vote," he said.

When the Democratic caucuses meet, five of the districts will choose four delegates each and the other three districts will elect five each. The delegates in each district are then divided up among the presidential candidates in proportion to the percentage of the vote they get.

In other words, said Stottlemire, "any candidate who gets 15 percent of the vote in a district is eligible to have one delegate. But anybody who gets 85 percent of the vote will get all of the delegates."

Additionally, a number of Democratic at large delegates are proportioned among candidates using the same procedure as above based on statewide voting results. There are also about eight delegates chosen only by elected officials and party officials to represent them at the convention.

After the primary, the Democrats will know how many delegates will be sent for each candidate based on the voting, but they won't know who the delegates are. So they caucus to select from the applicants who have qualified.

Stottlemire's Predictions

Stottlemire feels certain that Reagan and Carter will carry not only the 4th District, but also the state in the primaries.

In the Democratic primary, he believes Brown will do better than expected because "no one will vote for (Ted) Kennedy and many people now are not too happy with Carter" so they will vote for Brown in protest of the other two candidates.

In relation to this, Stottlemire further predicts that Democratic voter turnout will be extremely low statewide, and especially in the 4th District, because so many are strongly against Kennedy, yet they don't want to vote in favor of Carter.

On the other hand, he assumes that a high percentage of Republicans will cast their vote next Saturday because of the number of alternatives in candidates.

Student Participation

"Probably a number of LSUS students will not be able to participate (on April 5) because it's my perception that a reasonably high percentage of students, if they're registered, are registered as Independents. So they won't be able to vote," Stottlemire said.

However, any student — non-registered and Independents included — who wishes to become involved in primary activities can do so.

"One way the student can participate, and I recommend it heartily, is if they believe in one of these candidates, regardless of party, they can go down to the local headquarters and volunteer to do work," said Stottlemire. He stressed that all volunteers are welcomed and no questions are asked.



Dr. Marvin Stottlemire (Photo: Ken Martin)

Greek Beat

ALPHA PHI — Alpha Phi's Lambda pledge class held their pledge retreat at Raynelle Despot's camp several weekends ago. The pledges cooked supper for the active members. It was a very enjoyable break from study week.

Last night the Hollywood Squares assisted the Phi's in reviewing historical facts about Alpha Phi. It was a lot of fun and very informative.

Lambda class pledges received their big sis's last night after a search for envelopes containing the names of their big sis.

We would like to announce the engagement of Karen Johnson to Mike Sommers. They plan to marry in August.

PHI DELTA THETA — Congratulations to the newly elected officers: Vince Slusher, president and awards chairman; Tony Randazzo, vice president and historian; Mike Cascio, treasurer; David Finck, secretary and chaplain; Roger Bryant, social chairman; John Noonan, warden; Mike Martin, rush chairman and alumni secretary; Bob Earnest, pledge master; Peter Ho, scholarship chairman.

We would like to thank the Tri Deltas for the party last Saturday night. It was a great turnout and a great time.

La Grande Fete is coming April 19. Get a taste of it during Spring Fling.

TRI-DELTA — Terrific describes our two new pledges — Jane Angus and Becky Florence.

Old officers, you did a great job. You have made Tri-Delta the great sorority it is today. Thank you!

Congratulations new officers! They are: Janis Leatherwood, president; Nada Wood, EVP-pledge trainer; Melanie McKnight, chaplain and PH officer; Catherine Meyers, secretary; Karen Lee, social chairman; Linda Richardson, sponsor chairman; Cindy Paris, Fe chairman - rush chairman; Janet Kozak, scholarship chairman and song leader; Barbara Carnes, REF-MAR-LIB; Karen Belcher, Trident-His-Pub.; Renea Ryland, service projects-activities; Sharon Friend, treasurer; Ann McConnico, PH delegate.

Thank you Phi Deltas for such a fun exchange. We enjoyed it.

Sunday, March 23, was String Day, a surprising day for the new pledges.

Baseball is underway and the Tri-Delta All-Stars strike again. The first game is March 30 at 2 p.m. Practice will be one hour before the game.

We are selling car wash and raffle tickets. Buy one!

ZETA TAU ALPHA — Zetas are selling tickets for the Panhellenic car wash April 5. Prices are \$1.50 per car and \$2.50 per truck. Also being sold are tickets for the April 7 drawing of a 19-inch Sanyo color TV.

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'That's Incredible' lacks talent

by Ken Martin

"That's Incredible" is much like "Real People," consisting of several human interest type stories introduced by hosts who are in a studio before a live audience. But the newer show leans heavily toward ghost and psychic stories and seems to take itself much more seriously.

A few of the narratives would be better off simply flashed on the screen in written form. During such stories, the visual part is usually made up of fake-looking and, one would think, expensive re-enactments.

THE TROUBLE with the show starts with the hosts. It is understandable that John Davidson, wanting something more than the occasional host spot on the "Tonight Show" and not having a series since "The Girl With Something Extra" with Sally Field, would jump at the chance for a weekly job. It is also understandable why Fran Tarkenton, on hiatus from "Monday Night Football," would take a host job; why the job was offered to anyone who could almost make Howard Cosell sound good is a mystery. Cathy Lee Crosby has the talent to do much better than this show, but perhaps she needs the money or the exposure a weekly series offers.

None of the three seem to differentiate themselves from the others and together they

make a somewhat bland mixture. Switching narration from one to the other during a story doesn't help much, and some of the stories have a lot of narration.

"That's Incredible" is probably the worst new show to come into America's living rooms since "Galactica 1980." Hosted by John Davidson, Cathy Lee Crosby and ex-quarterback Fran Tarkenton, the series is a weak attempt at a "Real People" copy with a sprinkling of "In Search Of" mysteriousness.

One story about a stream containing poisonous organisms, in which people swim despite warnings,

TV review

included a very long "re-enactment" of a girl being flown by helicopter to a hospital. Most viewers probably have seen such a transfer on their local news; it added no new information to the story and was a waste of fuel, besides.

SUCH weightless reporting makes up most of "That's Incredible's" air time. A report detailing how the bones of a long-dead Indian chief were recovered with the help of a ghost failed to discuss how the

identity of the remains was established or even why the chief was supposed to have died so far from home. Still another story, concerning a castle estate built of coral stone by one man who would not allow anyone to see him work, hinted that the man knew the secret power used to build the pyramids. Stories like this belong in a newspaper rack next to a supermarket check-out stand.

Other stories receive more attention than they deserve. One report dealt with some men who leapt from a bridge while tied to long elastic cords. The account included shots of the crew making medical emergency plans, and constant reminders to the audience (backed by dramatic music) that the men were risking their lives, as if any modern TV viewer believed the network would actually show some daredevil splatter himself on prime-time, family-hour television.

Still, the element that will cause more viewers to change channels than anything else is the fact that the word "incredible" is heard more times in one show than in an entire year of junior high sex education classes.

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Journalist's account

Novel reviews years of history

by Barbara Wittman

"Should he follow the sound of the drums?"

That first sentence opens the 538-page personal adventure of Teddy White, journalist and foreign correspondent, who was there when history was being made from 1938 through 1945 in China, from 1948 through 1953 in Europe and from 1954 through 1963 in America.

The sound of the drum was irresistible. The time to be there in American politics was when the parade was forming. White was there and is there still.

FROM a visit with Mao Tse-tung in a cave in China to a rendezvous with Chiang K'ai-shek in his headquarters in Chungking, White brings alive the struggle for power. One gains an insight into the politics of Asia and how America came to back the wrong side, as White sees it. For his beliefs he was ostracized during the McCarthy era. But time would prove him right. It would be 30 years before Americans returned to China.

Though many diplomats were trained to understand Asia, American politicians chose to ignore their advice. Could Korea and Vietnam have been avoided if they had listened?

"In Search of History" is a personal adventure of White's life as well as a history of America's involvement in world and national politics.

THIS book is about White and the people who, while making history, changed lives. He was in Europe after World War II

when the Marshall Plan was formulated to save Western Europe from bankruptcy. He was there when Eisenhower laid aside his military uniform to become president. He was there when John F. Kennedy was killed, ushering in a new era. It was White and "Life" magazine that gave us the term "Camelot."

"In Search of History" gives insights into what could have been if history had taken a different turn. One turn that White emphasizes is that if Kennedy had lived, he (Kennedy) was planning to pull troops out of Vietnam. With his death, was it possible that the assassin also sent 50,000 Americans to their deaths? The answer will never be known.

White's personal adventure ends with the passing of "Camelot." Jackie Kennedy wanted "Camelot" to top the story of Kennedy's administration, "a magic moment in American history when gallant men danced with beautiful women and great deeds were done" — which was a misreading of history. It never existed. But for the years to follow, it was nice to believe that once there might have been a "Camelot."

White has mingled the story of one person — himself — in between each section of history to place all events in perspective as they occurred in his life. Reading this book gives one a greater understanding of three crucial decades of America's life.

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Campus Briefs

Service award

Nominations are being accepted for the LSUS Outstanding Service Award to be presented at the Special Recognition Awards Convocation April 24.

April 3 is the deadline for nominations which may be submitted by any full-time employee, staff member or faculty member. Nominations may be submitted to Harold Krieg, committee chairman, in the Science Building, Room 115. Other committee members include Cindy Williams, Harry Moore, Sue Brown and Billie Bunch.

The recipient of the award will receive a certificate and a \$100 cash award donated by the LSU Foundation. The criteria for selection are the following: (a) superior work performance in aiding in the achievement of departmental and university goals, (b) ideas promoting efficiency, economy, improved public relations and general morale and (c) general contributions beyond performance of assigned duties and activities contributing significantly to the successful operation of university programs.

The award has been given for the past seven or eight years to acknowledge non-academic staff employees. This year, however, a slight difference exists. In the past the award was given to civil service workers only. This year the award is open to both classified and non-classified employees.

Some past recipients of the award include secretaries Billie Tate, Wanda Norman and Billie Bunch, and Thelma Parks of the mailroom.

SLAE

The Student Louisiana Association of Educators will meet April 11, 12 and 13 at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston during the statewide convention. Activities will include seminars, a banquet and elections for state offices.

The organization will also select a nominating committee for 1981. The fee is \$4 per night for dormitory rooms.

Recently, the SLAE elected Dr. James Sabin, associate professor of education, "Teacher of the Month" for the second time this academic year.

New officers

Ten new BSU officers will be installed at the annual spring banquet Saturday at 7 p.m. in the BSU Building.

The Covenant Players, an international repertory theatre group from Los Angeles, Calif., will perform a series of short dramatic presentations at the banquet.

New officers are Gene Hensley, president; Vicki Cobb, publicity and promotions chairman; Sherry Kidd, worship chairman; Lisa Burkett, music chairman; and Mary Ann Heinsohn, fellowship chairman.

Other officers are Randy White, study chairman; Randy Graham, missions chairman; Roger Arnold, athletics chairman; Colleen Kelly, student center chairman, and Tony Passaniti, witness chairman.

Dr. John Hall, professor of agriculture, is the new faculty advisor. Julie Peacock, the state BSU associate director from Alexandria, is the new counselor.

The officers will attend the BSU Spring Assembly in Dry Creek, La., April 18-20 for officer training.

Dr. Provizer

Dr. Norman Provizer, assistant professor of political science, is one of 14 journalists currently in the Middle East meeting with Israeli and Southern Lebanese leaders.

Persons speaking before Provizer's classes during his absence include Steve Wooley of the Shreveport Area Council of Governments, Preston Friedley of the Chamber of Commerce and George Sylvie of the Shreveport Journal.

Provizer is expected to return this weekend.

Almajoke

"The Almajoke Enquirer," the official April Fools' edition of LSUS students, will be distributed Tuesday. All students and faculty members are reminded that this paper consists of news not fit to print and should not be taken seriously.

Calendar

Friday, March 28

Movie — "Get to Know Your Rabbit," at 2 and 7:30 in the UC Theater, Rated R. Admission \$1.

Tuesday, April 1

April Fools' Day

Newspaper — Be sure to pick up your copy of "Almajoke Enquirer."

Thursday, April 3

Easter Holidays begin at 10 p.m.

Monday, April 7

Classes resume at 8 a.m.

Spring Fling begins.

Final date for dropping courses or resigning from the university.

Thursday, April 10

Greenwich Village — in Plantation Room A & B of the UC from 9-12. Admission \$1.

Friday, April 11

Spring Fling Dance — in the Plantation Room from 9-1 p.m. featuring Isosceles Popsicle. Admission \$1.

IM sports

Tennis — the men's and women's tennis ladder will be held April 4. Students should apply in the intramural sports office, Room 225, of the University Center or call 797-7121, Ext. 393.

Softball — referees are needed for intramural softball games. To apply contact Chip Riggins, student director of intramural sports, in the University Center, Room 225.

Volleyball — games will not be played at Ft. Humbug. Instead, the games will be played on the side of the Library Building, Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Summer trip

The deadline for the \$200 deposit for the UCPC-sponsored trip to Acapulco has been extended. The original deadline was today; however, since places are still open for persons interested in attending the extension was granted. Those who plan to participate are urged to sign up as soon as possible in the University Center, Room 232.

Dr. Dolch

A study entitled "Attitude Measurement by Semantic Differential on a Bipolar Scale" by Dr. Norman A. Dolch, associate professor of social science, has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Psychology. The article will be published in the May or June issue, Dolch said.

Deadline set

The deadline for area high school juniors who wish to apply for the 1980 Academic Excellence Program at LSUS this summer is May 1, 1980.

The program allows students to enroll in selected freshman classes and earn credits which can be used to satisfy degree requirements when they are admitted as freshmen. This program offers students who want to further their education a chance to experience a total university atmosphere and to take courses which would not otherwise be available to them at this point in their schooling.

Upon completion of the summer term, students are offered the opportunity to take one course at LSUS during the fall and/or spring semester while completing their senior year in high school.

The selected courses offered in the summer will be accounting, astronomy, biological sciences, business administration, chemistry, communications, economics, English, fine arts, health and physical education, history, mathematics, office administration, philosophy, physical science, political science, sociology, Spanish and French.

High school students will be charged the regular summer term fees. Orientation is June 4 and classwork begins June 9. Applications and additional information about the program can be obtained from high school principals and counselors or from Mr. C. R. McPherson, assistant to the vice chancellor for academic affairs at LSUS, by calling 797-7121, Ext. 373.

Employment

Job interviews to be held on campus in the Placement Office are as follows:

March 28 — Heard, McElroy and Vestal, CPA

April 1 — Delta Airlines

April 3 — Louisiana Machinery Company

April 8 — Aetna Life Insurance Company

April 9 — Peat, Marvick and Mitchell, accounting firm

April 10 — Beall's

April 11 — Lanier Business Products

For more information contact the placement office.

Conference

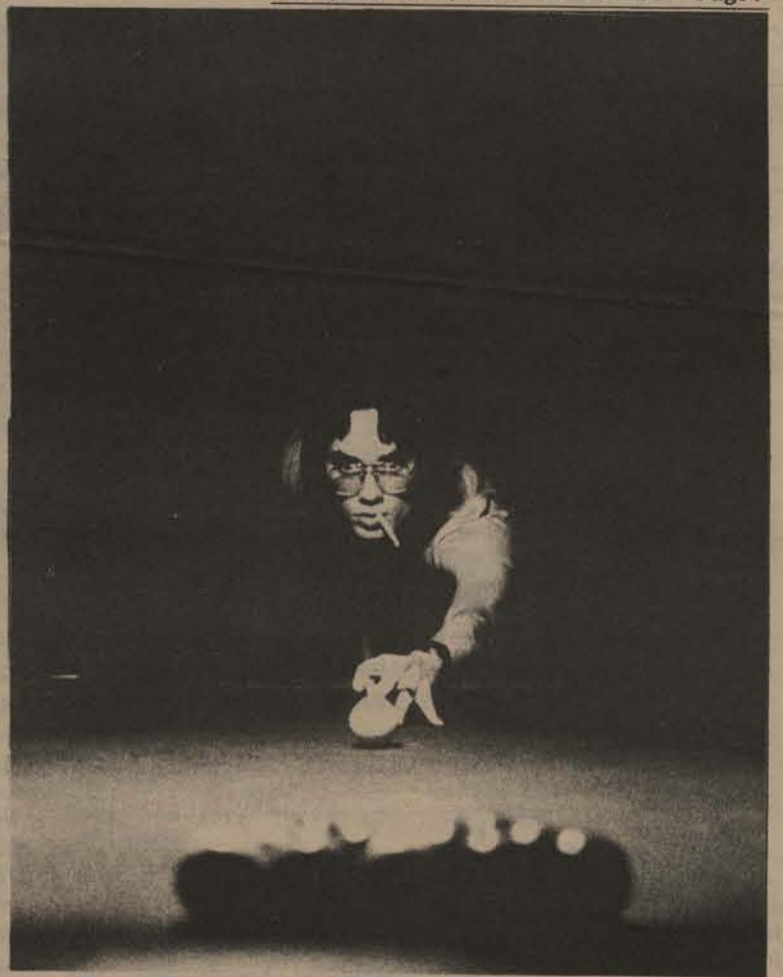
Last Saturday's fourth annual LSUS Conference on the Teaching of English was a smashing success, according to Nancy Sexton, conference coordinator. About 90 English teachers attended, most from the Shreveport area, but some from as far away as Coshatta.

Each teacher chose two of the eight group sessions to attend, all held in the University Center. Presentations of teaching ideas were given, followed by a group discussion of the ideas.

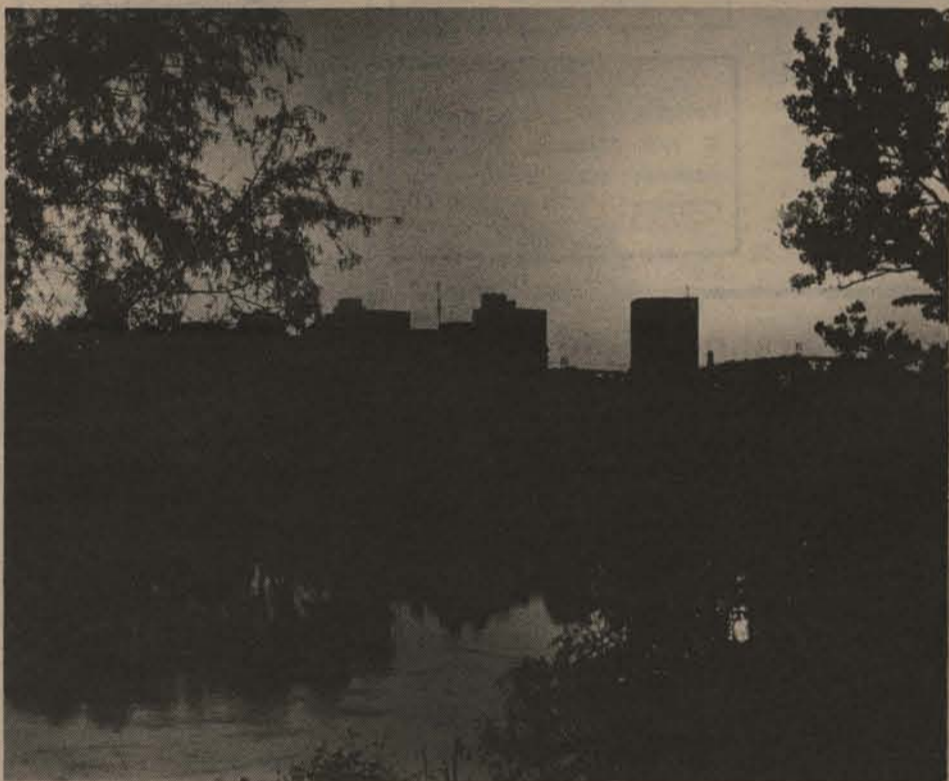
LSUS faculty members who gave presentations were Dr. Barbara Decker and Mrs. Loretta Lampkin. Some former LSUS students also gave presentations, including Joy Koch, presently teaching at Linwood, Cathy Sledge, now teaching at Huntington, and Ann Havard, who teaches at Captain Shreve.

Dr. Mary McBride gave the keynote address and the luncheon speech. Evaluation sheets were provided for those attending to express their opinions of the conference and to offer suggestions for changes and improvements for future conferences. Several teachers suggested having more discussion sessions and at least half expressed the need for workshops in addition to the speakers and presentations.

Don Sibley, a Captain Shreve teacher, described it as "a very good conference — many helpful suggestions." A teacher who attends every year said it was the best conference yet.



Photos by
Stan Shelton





Washington Bound! Three LSUS students are delegates to a symposium on the presidency April 11-13 in Washington, D.C. Here they make plans with coordinator Dr. Marvin Stottlemire, assistant professor of political science and Danny Walker, instructor in sociology, who will accompany the delegation. Left to right: Tom Olmstead, Wesley McGee, Walker, LaTonya Turner and Stottlemire. (Photo: Donna O'Neal)

Alumni Association

The LSUS Alumni Association has released the list of nominees for its 1980-81 board of directors. The election will be held June 14 and each person elected will take office on July 1.

Nominees are Preston Friedley and Carla Lehnertz, president; Ed Sanders and Murrell Stansell, first vice president; Gary Hines and Linda Keratsopoulos, second

vice president; Shirley J. Bates and Donna Prater, secretary; Paul Akers and Ed Jenkins, treasurer; Collier Mickle and Melanie Smith, business administration representative; Kathy Barberousse, Margaret Fritz and Elsa McCain, educational representative; Sam Bolen and Paul King, general studies representative; Stuart Pitts, science representative; George Sylvie, liberal arts representative; Glen Garaffa and Pat Nelson, graduate (2 year) representative; and Ronnie Festavan and Betty Gilmer, graduate (1 year) representative.

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Plans for Fling

by Deborah Evans

Spring is upon us and with it, the second annual Spring Fling sponsored by the University Center Program Council. Spring Fling activities will begin Monday, April 7, and continue through Friday, April 11.

The tentative schedule of activities is: Monday — flag raising ceremony and theatrical Kung Fu exposition, Tuesday — outdoor track events, Wednesday — Martin's Magic Show along with group and individual outdoor events, Thursday — Phi Delta Theta crawfish boil, more outdoor events and Greenwich Village and Friday — Board of Supervisors welcoming reception, Kappa Alpha arm wrestling tournament, University Center Birthday Poster Contest, University Center Birthday Cake Party and the Spring Fling dance.

Some other events include: selling Spring Fling T-shirts, the ugly pet contest, the hairy chest contest and a student art show. Students may sign up for the contests at a table located in the University Center lobby.

The Student Government Association has allocated money for a cash prize to be given to the winner of the student art show which will be held in the University Center Art Gallery.

The UCPC is also attempting to get KROK radio to broadcast live from the LSUS campus on Thursday of Spring Fling week. This is not yet definite.

The fun and activities of Spring Fling week are open to all LSUS students, faculty and administrators and the UCPC invites everyone to participate.

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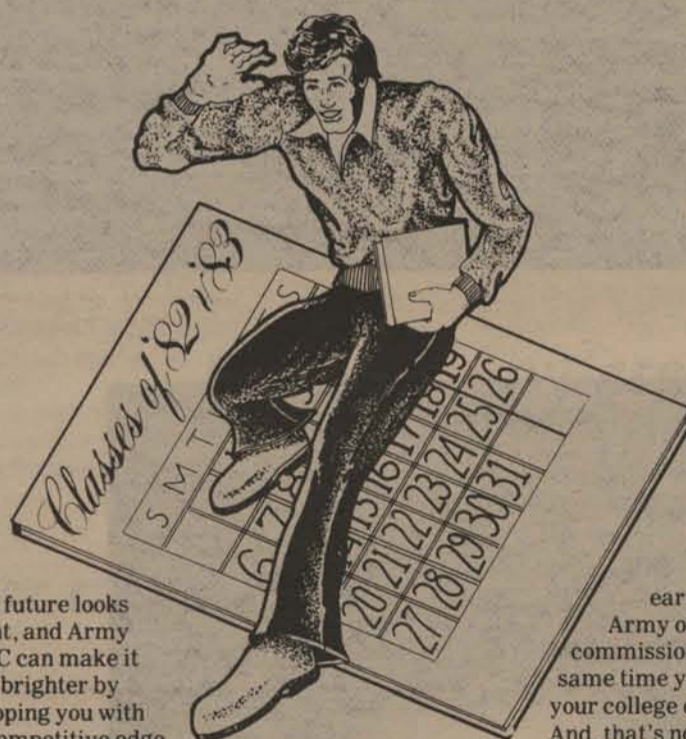
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